

Sixth Form Student Bulletin

Week beginning Monday 10th September 2018 (Week B)

We hope you had a good weekend and feel that you have settled comfortably into the Sixth Form. Remember, we are here for you so if you have any concerns, however small you think they are, please talk to your Tutor, Mrs Livings, Mrs Booth or Miss Iwanczuk.



Dates for
the Diary:

- Tuesday 11th September: Year 13** Student mentoring meeting. If you volunteered to be a mentor (or would like to be one) please meet in the Community Room at the start of lunchtime on Tuesday
- **Wednesday 19th September:** Year 12 Information Evening for students and Parents 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm. **A letter with details has been sent out to your parents-if they didn't get it please let us know**
 - **Thursday 27th September, 5:00-7:30pm:** Year 5/6 Open Evening – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE! (All of you should help if possible)
 - **Friday 28th September: INSET DAY (A chance to make sure you are on top of your work!)**
 - **Wednesday 10th October:** Sixth Form Open Evening –everyone needs to help please, either with subjects or as guides
 - **Tuesday 20th November:** Year 12/13 Parents' Consultation Evening – all students should attend this with their parents.

To help to get you organised, make a note of these in your planner.

The Common Room

We have noticed an excellent start to the care and consideration exercised in the Common Room. It's your study space and it will only be useful to you if you carry on respecting each other by keeping noise to a minimum during lesson time.

Remember, if you need a quiet place to study, the Common Room is open until **6.00pm each day**. It has been great to see so many of you using it already to work in before and after school.

If you have a group task that is going to involve you needing to talk to each other, during study periods, please see Mrs Booth who will do her best to find a space in school for you to work.

Keeping your Common Room Tidy



Please put all your empty sweet, crisp wrappers, empty bottles in the bins in the common room, this is your own area for use by everyone, please aim to keep it tidy and clean.

Krakow Trip – January 2019

Mr Wharmby is holding a meeting to discuss this trip on Tuesday lunch in H3 – initially the trip is open to Year 12 students who are studying History and RE

Signing in and out

Please make sure you take a few seconds to sign into the Common Room when you arrive and sign out when you leave the school premises (for example if you are going out for lunch). This will help us to have a clear idea of who is in school should we need to evacuate in an emergency. This is only necessary if you leave early or come in after period 1



Finger Print ID

If you haven't already done so, please see Mr Draycott in reprographics to have your finger print identification done, you will need this to be able to access the school site when the systems goes fully electronic.

Lanyards

These will be distributed to Year 12 students over the next few weeks. Year 13 please ensure you wear your lanyards around school, if you have lost the card, holder or ribbon please see Mrs Booth as soon as possible who will be able to organise a replacement for you. New cards will be distributed with your new photos on as soon as possible.

Enrichment

Please ensure you have signed up for an enrichment activity and if you are not sitting GCSE English or Maths, please let Mrs Booth know your choice. If you have changed your mind about this please let us know and we will do what we can to get you onto another activity.

If you are using Wednesday afternoons to complete a primary school placement or a nursing home placement Mrs Booth needs to know please.

Joke of the week

Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?

Subject mentoring after school for all Year 12

Year 13s traditionally offer to support students in Year 12 with their subjects. The system is a great chance for Year 12s to ask questions and get top tips. The mentoring will be starting next week but mentors will be popping in to your lessons this week to introduce themselves.

Outside areas

During study periods, please avoid sitting on benches outside the Common Room and around school. You should be using these periods for studying, either in the Common Room, the library, a classroom or at home. As Sixth Formers, you play a big part in setting the work ethic around school. If younger students see you relaxing outside and not working, they may feel that this is acceptable behaviour. So, show them how it's done! If you want to use your phone for a call please go in the 6th Form garden area.

Dress Code

Just a reminder to all sixth form students that although there is a non-uniform policy, appropriate clothing is expected to be worn, school is a professional environment and the way we dress needs to reflect this. Please cover up properly even when the weather is hot.

Year 13 - Need help with UCAS?

When? Friday after school

Where? Common Room

Financial help in the Sixth Form

If you think you may qualify for a financial payment, please see Mrs Booth this week who will send you the online application form. If you have received free school meals in Year 11 or your parents have an NHS Exemption certificate you will certainly be entitled to a monthly payment from school to help you. If you have received free school meals in the past you are entitled to them again, from the 6th Form canteen. Please talk to Mrs Booth if you are worried about this.

Joke Answer: Because he was a little shellfish!!

School Nurse

The school nurse is available every Wednesday lunchtime, to offer confidential advice and support.

Emails

Please keep checking your emails, this is a vital tool for helping us communicate important information to you. If you have any problems with your school email account, please go and see our ICT staff or mention it to Mrs Booth.

SMHW

You should all have login details for this, please see Mrs Booth if you have forgotten yours

Mobile phones



Remember, if it's a lesson time, you shouldn't be on your phones – even in the Common Room. It is very tempting to keep checking your phone so unless you are using it for music or downloading information for your work, it is a good idea to keep it in your bag. If you need to make an urgent call during a study period, you can use our Sixth Form garden area.

Timetable issues

We appreciate that there have been lots of changes to individual timetables. Thank you for your patience and please just keep letting us know of any changes that we may not be aware of.



Year 13s, if you have dropped a subject and it is still on your timetable please come and see Mrs Booth or Mrs Livings.

Also, remember that you can't study a subject for which you have not met the entry requirements. If you think a mistake has been made on your timetable in this way, please do come and tell us.

Tutor time

When? Tuesday, P3

Compulsory – every week.

This period of time is carefully planned each week and essential for ensuring you have the necessary information about future possibilities, as well as making sure we have done everything we can to ensure your success on your courses.

Ready to learn

Teachers will normally set you work that involves preparing for the next lesson, such as reading through the next topic and making notes on the content of the forthcoming lesson. If you fail to do this you will not be ready to learn and your progress, given the amount of sheer content at A Level, will be seriously affected. Please be, '**Ready to Learn**'.

Y5/6 Open Evening and Sixth Form Open Evening – volunteers needed!

You'll have seen in the key dates at the top of the bulletin that these events are coming up on Thursday 27th September and Wednesday 10th October respectively. We need as many of you to support at these as possible please. You may be asked to support a department, be a guide around school or register people as they arrive. Last year we had over 100 Sixth Formers in the blue Kimberley T-shirts to support us. The same turn out – or more – would be hugely appreciated again this year!

Year 12 Information Evening

On Wednesday 19th September we are running a Year 12 Information Evening for you and your parents. We will be showing a video created by Year 13 students detailing the things Year 13 students think it is helpful to know about when you start in the 6th Form. Some Year 13s will also talk personally about their time in Year 12 on the evening and I will go over the key dates and details I think it is important to know at the start of the year. We have done this for the past three years and it has helped parents to understand more about the experience of being a 6th Former

Volunteers: Science need volunteers for scribing for Year 7 tests

Please give your name to Mrs Booth if you can spare an hour of your study periods to help

Year 12s – Community Service

This needs to be arranged as soon as possible. The easiest to arrange is helping in one of your study periods in a lesson with younger students. So see a member of staff you would like to work with and ask.



Miss Charlton always needs volunteers to help at the Tea and Toast Breakfast Club during the week, especially on Monday and Thursday mornings, from 8:15am until 8:40.

Please see Miss Charlton if you are interested in supporting her club.

If you would like a sixth form locker please see Mrs Booth. We need a deposit of £5 which you will get back when you return the key.



Lockers

Tea and Coffee in the Common Room

As the cold weather approaches you might want to take advantage of our tea and coffee facilities in the Common Room. Please help yourself to tea and coffee. Unfortunately, school cannot afford to buy this for you all the time so please use.....



the honesty box and pop in as much as you can every now and again, or maybe donate a box of tea bags, or jar of coffee. It would be great if you could offer to go in to Kimberley and buy the supplies from time to time too. Please see our Head Boy or Girl about this if you

want to help. **PLEASE WASH YOUR CUPS AND KEEP THE AREA CLEAN AND TIDY**

Safety alert: Hot drinks-please don't walk around school with hot drinks unless they are in a covered top cup-all it takes is for you to be bumped in to and someone could get burnt. Thanks

Please do not take holidays in term time. Please do not book holidays during term time. Please talk to your parents about this. Year 12 break up for

the summer on 19th July next year so please ensure your parents know this. A2 courses start as soon as AS exams are over

Year 12 and 13 Events and Information

Year 12 (and 13 if appropriate) subject taster conferences from Leicester University

These are a fantastic opportunity for students to gain an insight into teaching and learning at university. Please see below for our taster dates for the next academic year, we will be opening bookings for the December and 2019 events shortly.

-Junior Emergency Medicine – Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd September 2018

A hands on two day event aimed at students who are interested in studying medicine or nursing.

-Molecular and Cell Biology Open Day- 27th September 2018

This event is for Y12 students only, please email Dr Salvador Macip sm460@leicester.ac.uk to book.

-Discover Archaeology- 5th December 2018

-Studying Criminology- Thursday 13 December 2018

-Applying to Medicine- Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 April 2019

-Studying Geology and Geography- Wednesday 10 April 2019

We look forward to working with you over the next academic year. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at wpteam@le.ac.uk if you would like to find out more about our events or if you would like us to come and visit you and your students in school or college.

University of Nottingham opportunities for Year 12s

Post-16 Pathways to Law and Pathways to STEM programmes

Applications for the Sutton-Trust funded Pathways programmes are now open. Students starting in Year 12 in September 2018 with an interest in pursuing a degree or future career in Law or STEM can apply for a 2 year support programme offering subject taster sessions, work related opportunities, academic support, an undergraduate e-mentor and a residential opportunity. In addition, students receive support with their UCAS applications and personal statements from the end of Year 12 and may be eligible for contextual offers and/or the Nottingham Potential Bursary if they meet certain programme requirements.

The programme is fully-funded and transport costs are also reimbursed for students to attend sessions.

Places are limited and students must meet eligibility criteria (including mostly 9-6 grades at GCSE), full details of which can be found on the attached summary sheet and by referring to the websites:

- Pathways to Law (nottingham.ac.uk/go/pathwaystolaw)
- Pathways to STEM (nottingham.ac.uk/go/pathwaystostem)

How to apply:

The Sutton Trust has further details about the Pathways programme and students apply online through their website:

- Pathways to Law <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-law/>
- Pathways to STEM <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-stem/>

The deadline for applications is Monday 29 October 2018, and students or staff with queries about the programme can contact Elizabeth Tomlin (Elizabeth.tomlin@nottingham.ac.uk) or Jasmine Hickman (jasmine.hickman@nottingham.ac.uk). Please contact us if you would like us to come in to speak to Year 12 students about these programmes at the start of term.

Each week we put a news item in the Bulletin-sometimes of local and sometimes of national and international importance. Please read and think about the item each week.....

News Item of the week:

Five Teenagers charged with Nottingham murder of 20 year old Esrom Ghide



Esrom Ghide, known as Hanny, was found in Hawksley Road with stab wounds to his chest

Five teenagers, including three 14-year-old boys, have been charged with murdering a man in Nottingham.

Esrom 'Hanny' Ghide, 20, was found stabbed in Hawksley Road, Hyson Green, on Wednesday. He died of his injuries in hospital.

The three boys, along with two others both aged 16, are due before Nottingham magistrates on Monday 10th September.

Another 16-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of murder and is being questioned by detectives.

He is also being held on suspicion of attempting to pervert the course of justice. In a statement, Mr Ghide's family, from Radford, said he "was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished".

They added: "His passing has left a big hole in our lives."

"No family should have to go through this" Detective Inspector Justine Wilson, who is leading the investigation, told the Nottingham Post: *"Knife crime has a huge impact on families and whole communities and Esrom's family has been left devastated by his loss". Police have appealed for further information, stating that "no family should have to go through this."*

"There is no need to carry a knife in Nottinghamshire," said a spokesperson from the force. *"This is a fast-moving investigation with five youths already in custody but we would still like to hear from anyone who has information that could help".*

Highest level in six years The number of knife crimes in Nottingham are at their highest level in six years. On the back of these stats, Chief Inspector Donna Lawton, of Nottinghamshire Police, said to the Nottingham Post: *"A 17 percent rise in convictions should send out a clear message to those involved in knife crime that they are now even more likely to end up in prison. We won't accept knife crime on our streets and neither will our communities, who we continue to work alongside to make Nottinghamshire even safer".*

Read more at: <https://inews.co.uk/news/five-teenagers-charged-with-stabbing-of-20-year-old-in-nottingham/>

BBC News website and the i newspaper

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Thoughts for the week

"An eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind"

Mahatma Gandhi

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela